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SUBJECT: EXERCISE HILEX-8: ORANGE RESPONSE CELL

REFS: (A) STATE 111628 DTG 161519Z MAY 77, NOTAL,
(B) USNATO 5799 DTG 221040Z JUN 77,
(C) STATE 155928 DTG 052222Z OCT 77.

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1. IN RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON RECOMMENDATION (PARA 6H, REF A) THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORANGE RESPONSE CELL WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HEIGHTEN SENSE OF REALISM DURING HIGH LEVEL NATO EXERCISES, THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE AGREED TO TEST THIS CONCEPT DURING HILEX-8 ON THE CONDITION THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WOULD PROVIDE POLITICAL EXPERTS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE EXERCISE TO MAN THE CELL (REF B).

2. WASHINGTON IN TURN INSTRUCTED US TO INFORM THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISES COMMITTEE THAT THE US BELIEVED IT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A SOVIET EXPERT FOR THE RESPONSE CELL (REF C).

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3. WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON EXPERT ARRIVE FOR DUTY IN BRUSSELS NLT MARCH 9 AND DEPART NET MARCH 18.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON IDENTIFICATION OF A POLITICAL OFFICER EXPERT IN SOVIET AFFAIRS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE TRIAL ORANGE RESPONSE CELL IN

HILEX-8 AND CONFIRMATION OF HIS AVAILABILITY FROM MARCH 9
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